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**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 75328-53187112@requests.muckrock.com**

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Re: **2019-HQFO-00860**

Dear Ms. Misra:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated June 14, 2019, and received by this office on June 14, 2019.

You are seeking all relevant information related to the Migrant Protection Protocols ("Remain in Mexico"), including (1) Number of individuals returned to Mexico under this policy for each month in FY 2019 to date; (2) percentage of total individuals returned to Mexico in FY2019 to date who were not able to make their immigration court hearing in the U.S.; (3) the average length of wait time for individuals returned to Mexico to have an immigration court hearing; (4) the percentage of total individuals who opted in for the "fear assessment" interview and were still placed in the MPP program; (5) a breakdown of total MPP-affected individuals by age, gender, and nationality; (6) a total number of individuals in the MPP program who arrived as a family unit.

We conducted a search of files within the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Policy (PLCY) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records. The specific questions contained in your request are operational in nature, and therefore more appropriately suited for CBP and USCIS. The Office of Policy is not responsible for tracking the listed statistics.

To better serve you, I am transferring this request to the FOIA Officer for CBP and USCIS. Please see their contact information below:

**U. S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP)**

FOIA Officer  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
90 K Street, NE  
FOIA Division

Washington, DC 20229  
Phone: 202-325-0150  
CBP Website

**U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)**

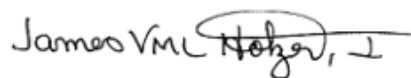
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office  
P. O. Box 648010  
Lee's Summit, MO. 64064-8010  
FOIA Officer/Public Liaison: Jill Eggleston  
Phone: 1-800-375-5283 (USCIS Contact Center)  
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USCIS Website

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within Department of Homeland Security's Office of Policy (PLCY) that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2019-HQFO-00860**. You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,



James Holzer  
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer